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**REQUEST FOR**  
**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
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Application No. 09/402,362  
Filing Date: October 4, 1999  
Title: **FOOD GRADE WAX AND PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME**  
Inventor: VALIX.  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: R. Madsen  
Atty Docket No.: 23999

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule 65 Fed.Reg. 50092 9Aug. 16, 2000; Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. \_\_\_ Previously submitted

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- i. \_\_\_\_\_ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

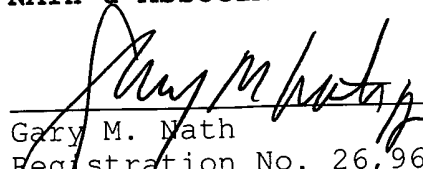
## 3. Fees

(The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Acct. No. 14-0112.
- i. ☒ RCE fee of \$ 750.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is enclosed.
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 10, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on December 10, 2002; accordingly a Petition for a three-month Extension to Time to Reply, a Request for Continued Examination and checks for the required fees are filed herewith, extending the period for response to March 10, 2003.

In view of the subsequent amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 2 as indicated in Appendices A and B attached hereto. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), Applicant submits